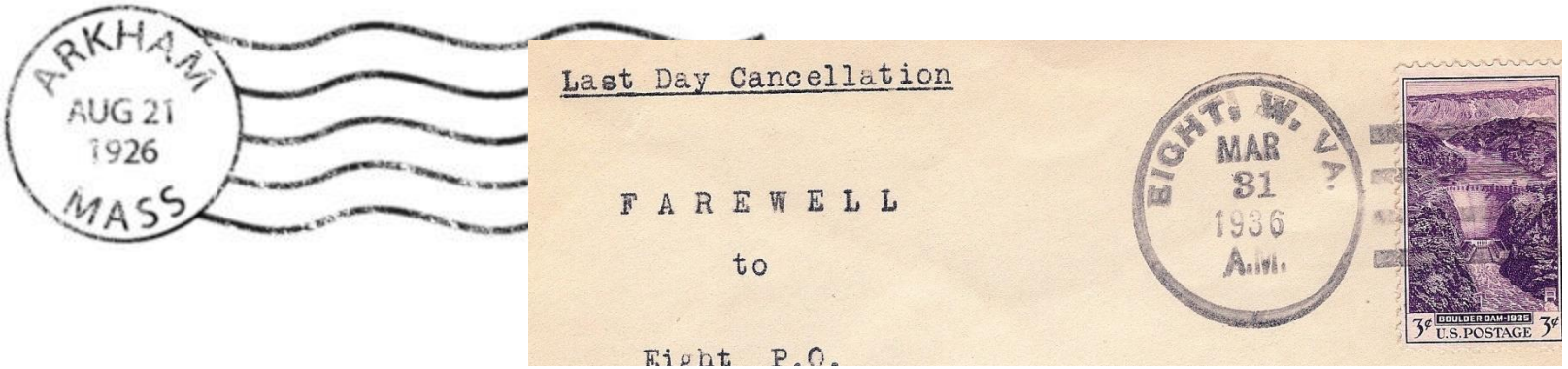
Messages on Our Mail

Some postal cancellations make for interesting reading

Cancellations/*Postmarks*

- The cancellation, or cancel for short, is the imprint on the postage stamp that invalidates it against future use.
- A postmark is the marking applied by a postal worker giving the place of mailing, the date of mailing and the time of mailing.



When it come to cancellations, there are sort of 3 basic types:

- The everyday kind with straight lines, wavy lines, circles, etc. There are several study groups dedicated to these.
- *Special* cancellations that publicize events, slogans, FDCs, - things like that.
- *Pictorial* cancels – these are cancels that have images, pictures or figures that focus on a special event or anniversary.

Mostly – I have a few "*Specials*" and "*Pictorials*" to show.

WHAT MORE SPECIAL OR PICTURESQUE THAN CROWNING A NEW QUEEN!

The Crown – The Queen

"LONG LIVE THE QUEEN"- a slogan, a "cheer," – even a suggestion (which is surely coming true!)

This cancel was obviously prepared well in advance of the ceremony on June 3, 1953.

The **crown** pictured in the cancel and at the left on the 1'6 stamp is St. Edward's crown, used in the coronation. Weighs nearly 5 pounds. And the ceremony lasted 3 hours.

The “Long Live –” cancel continued a long life, even to a month later.

Notice – the stamps used are the usual King George ones, and the same stamp was used for local and foreign addresses.

But let's break for a minute to look at the *addressee* on these covers –

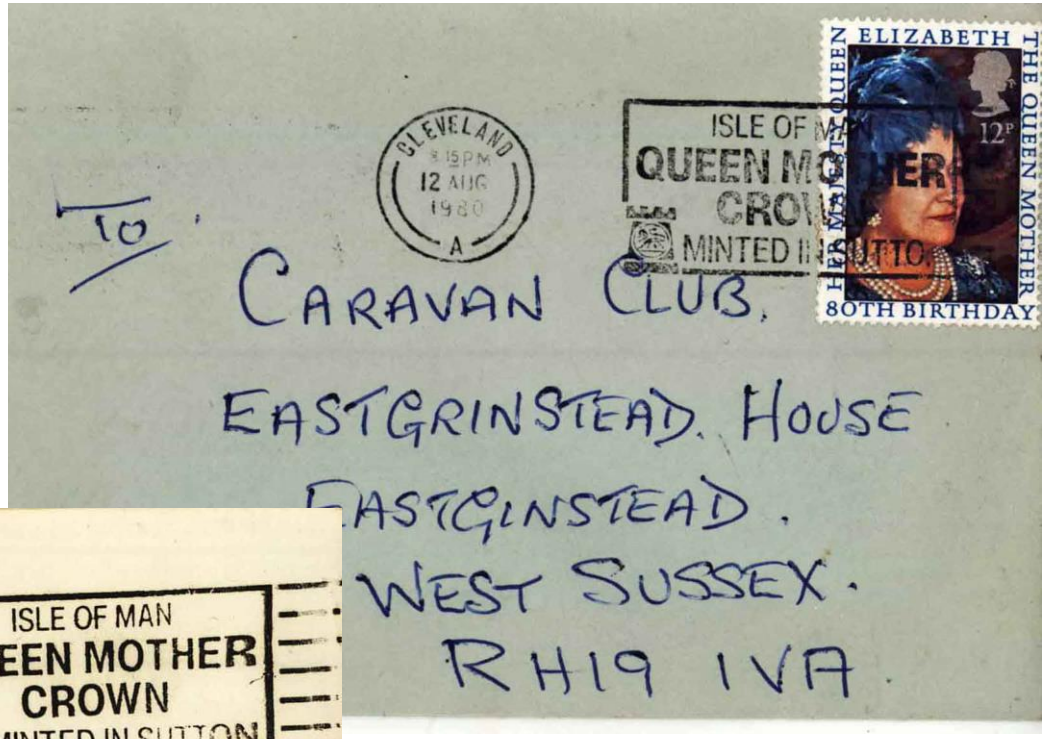
Two young girls (probably), one from Scotland, did what lots of young girls did: tried writing to a favorite movie star, hoping for a response and perhaps a picture of her current heart-throb.

*Farley Granger – handsome actor in the '40s-'50s, worked with MGM, starred in "*Strangers on a Train" *among others*.

He never was at Warner Bros., but while with MGM, was away a lot, so didn't pick up his mail often – or just threw it back!

MORE ROYALTY – Cancels appeared on Aug. 4, 1980 – and after - to honor the Queen Mother's 80th birthday, along with a stamp.

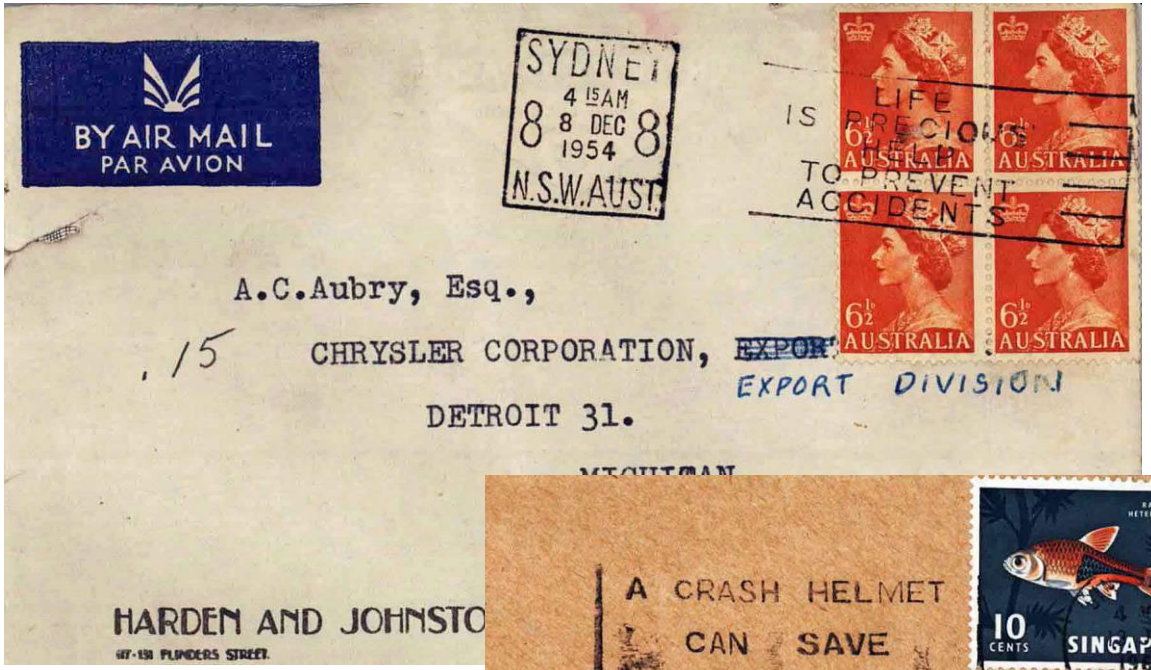
The "CROWN" here refers to a silver coin to honor the Queen's mother .

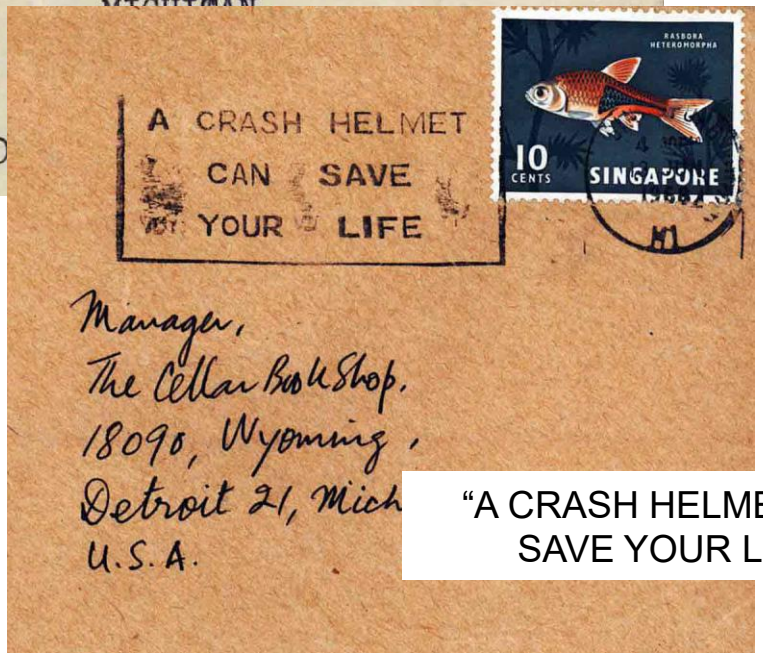


Not sure why a IOM cancel about a British item is over a Scotland stamp, mailed in Scotland. ??

Slogans and Admonitions

"LIFE IS PRECIOUS – HELP TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS"

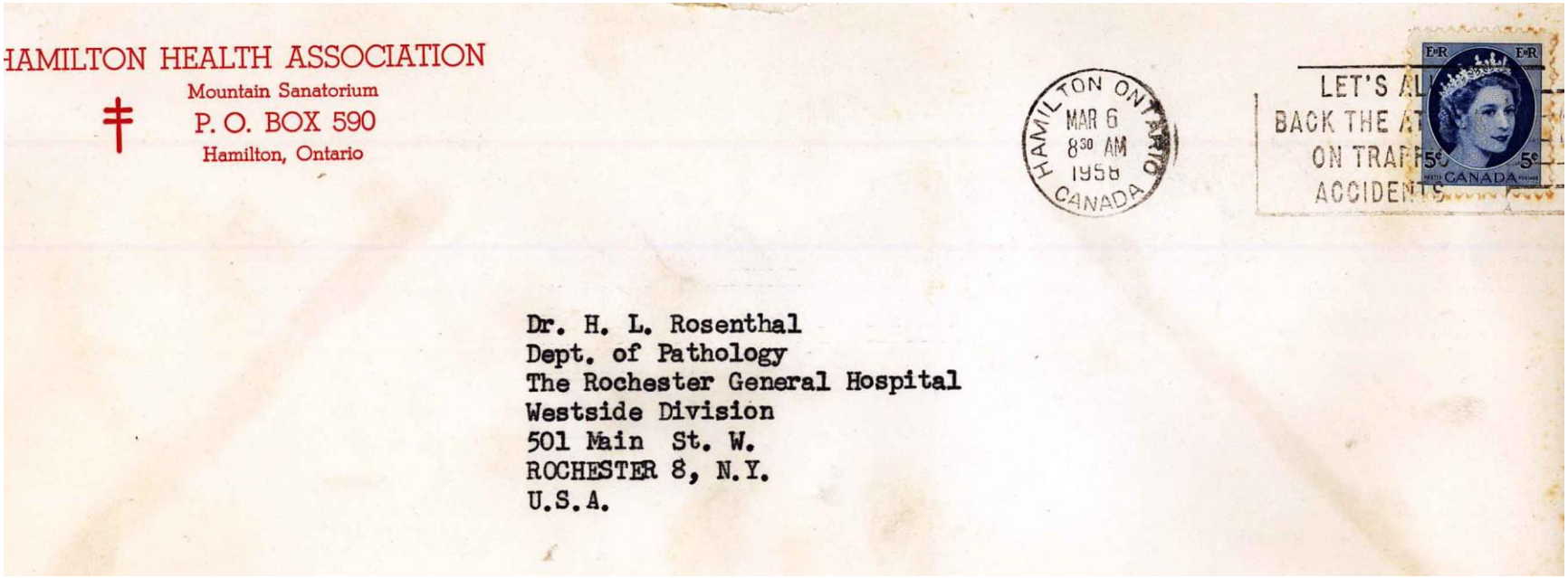




"A CRASH HELMET CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE"

Slogans and Admonitions

- "LET'S ALL BACK THE ATTACK ON TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS"



Look at the addressee – and its location in 1958

• *Slogans and Admonitions*

- A reminder that “CANCER IS A WORD - NOT A SENTENCE”

Slogans and Admonitions

Two countries many miles and several years apart advise people to

"LICENCE YOUR RADIO"

and TV

Is that for a CB radio – or the one you listen to at home?

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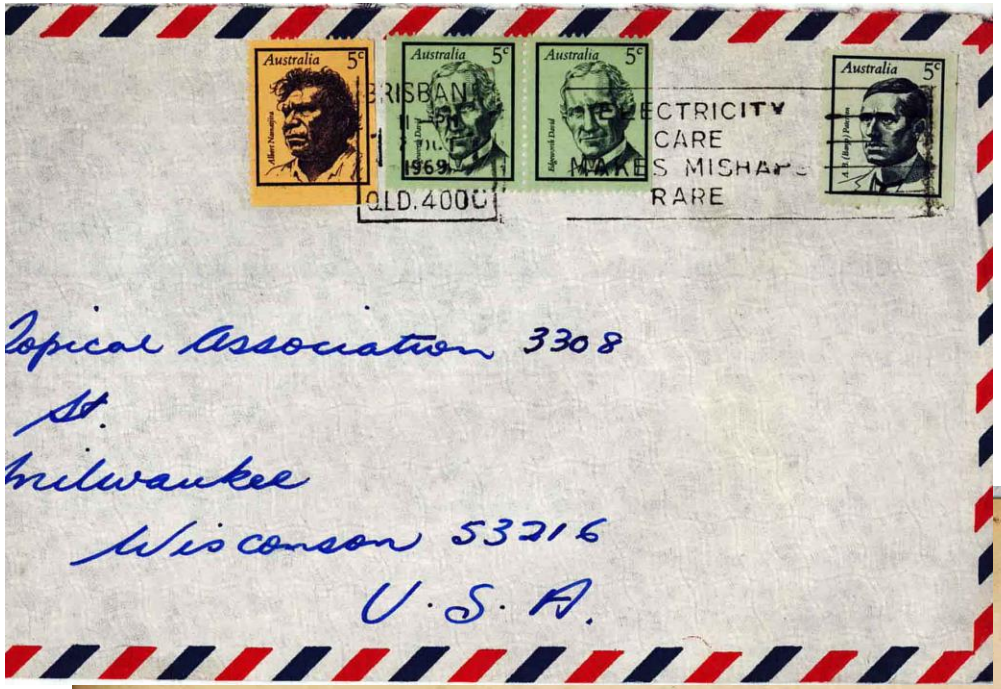
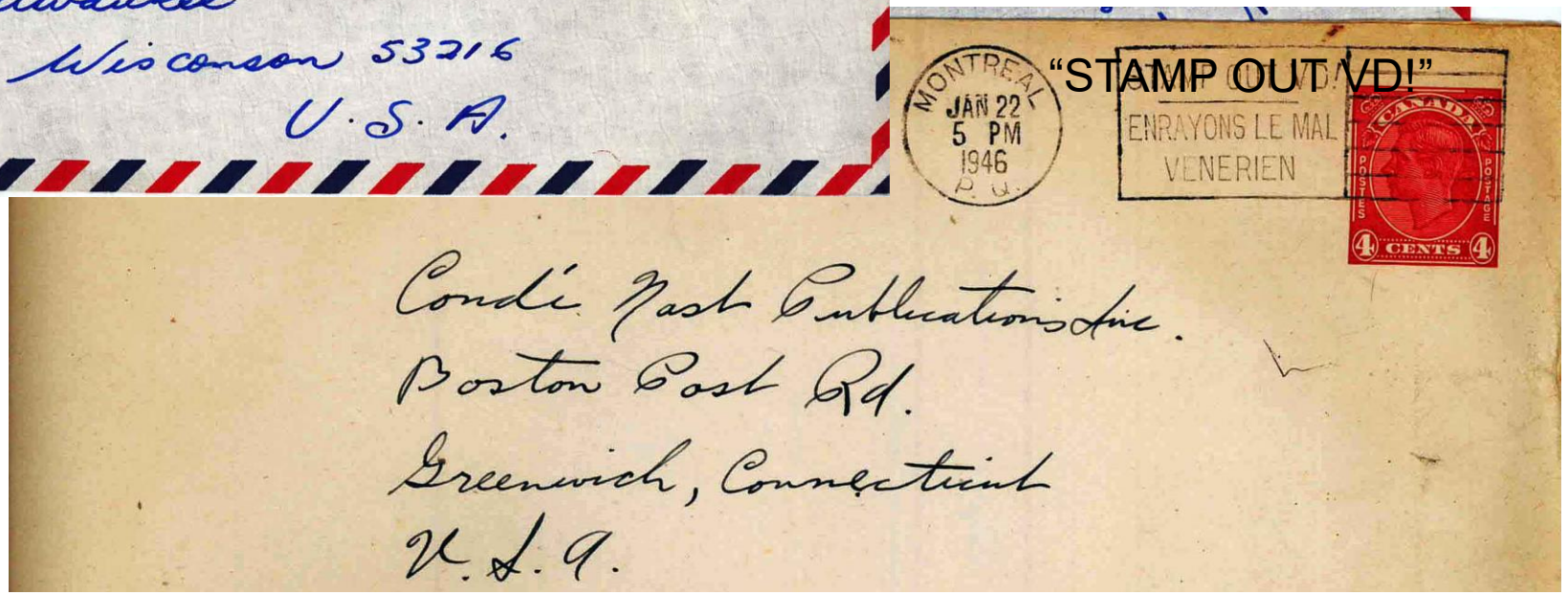
From Brisbane, Australia, a safety note; from Canada, a very different request!



"ELECTRICITY CARE MAKES MISHAPS RARE"



"STAMP OUT VD!"

Humanitarian Suggestions

"HELP OUR HOSPITALS"

"IMPROVE HOMES, GIVE EMPLOYMENT

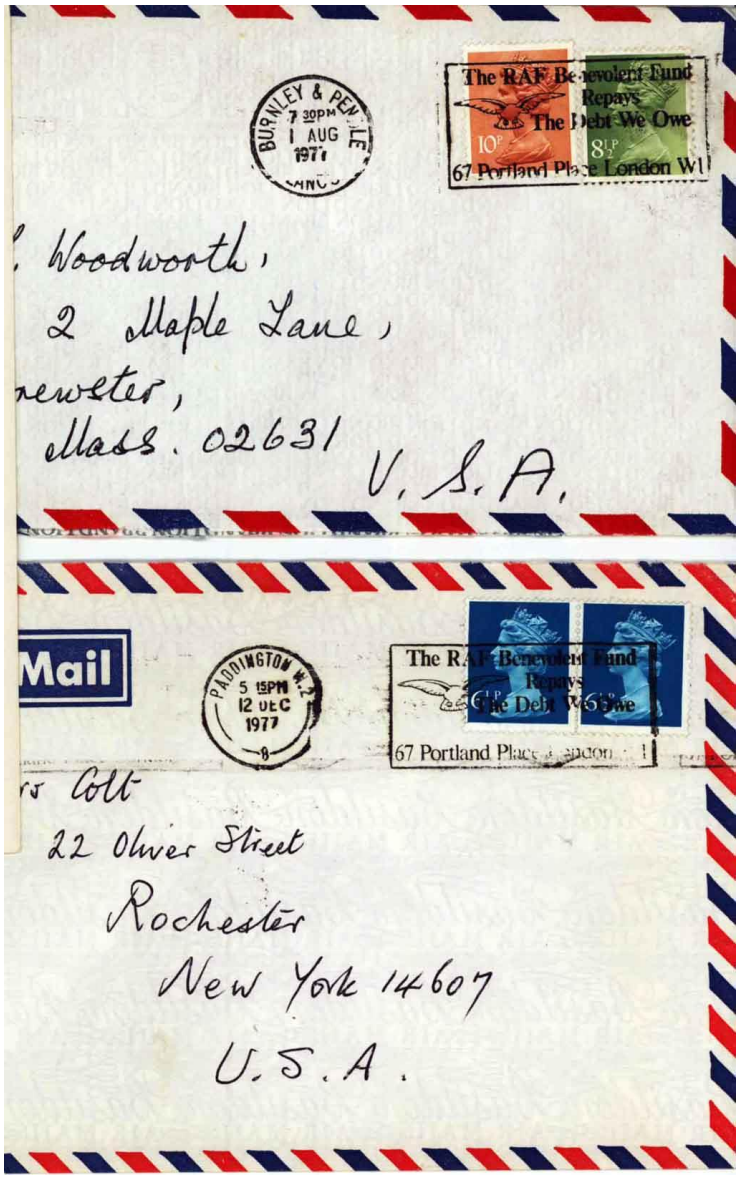
"HELP THE BLIND"

From Canada in the 1930s, when money and jobs were scarce and health care might come from friends and neighbors.

- *Humanitarian Suggestion*

- "The RAF Benevolent Fund
- Repays
- The Debt We Owe"

- England's Royal Air Force *leading welfare charity, providing financial, practical and emotional support to serving and former members of the RAF – regardless of rank – as well as their partners and dependents.*
- *It helps members of the RAF family deal with a wide range of issues.*



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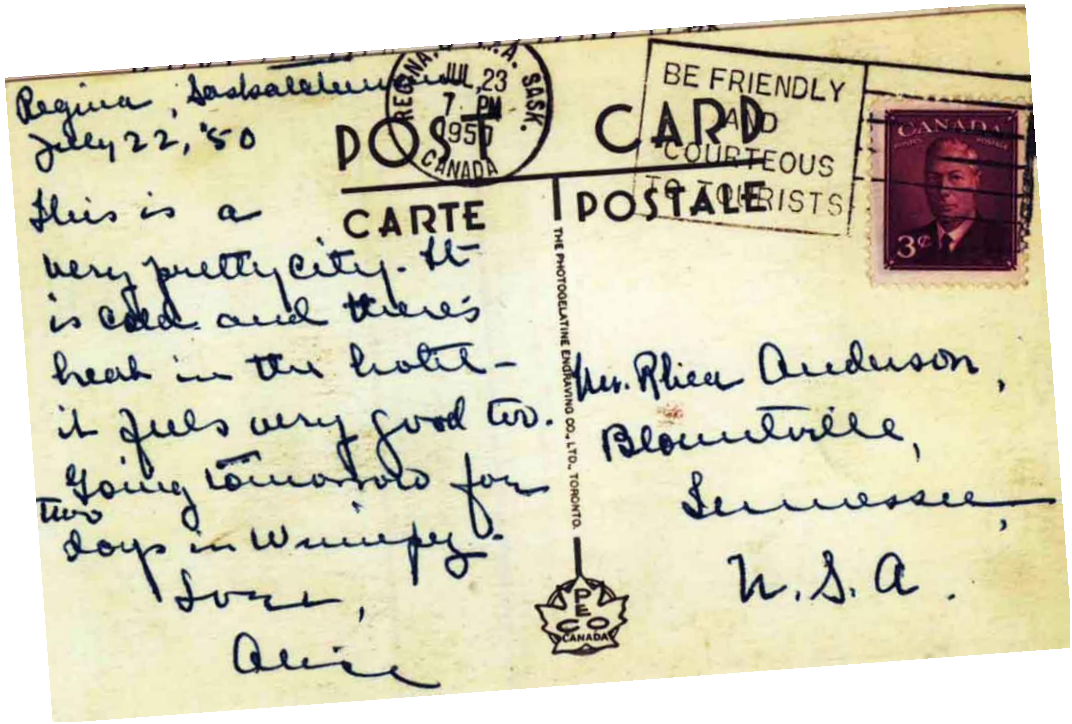


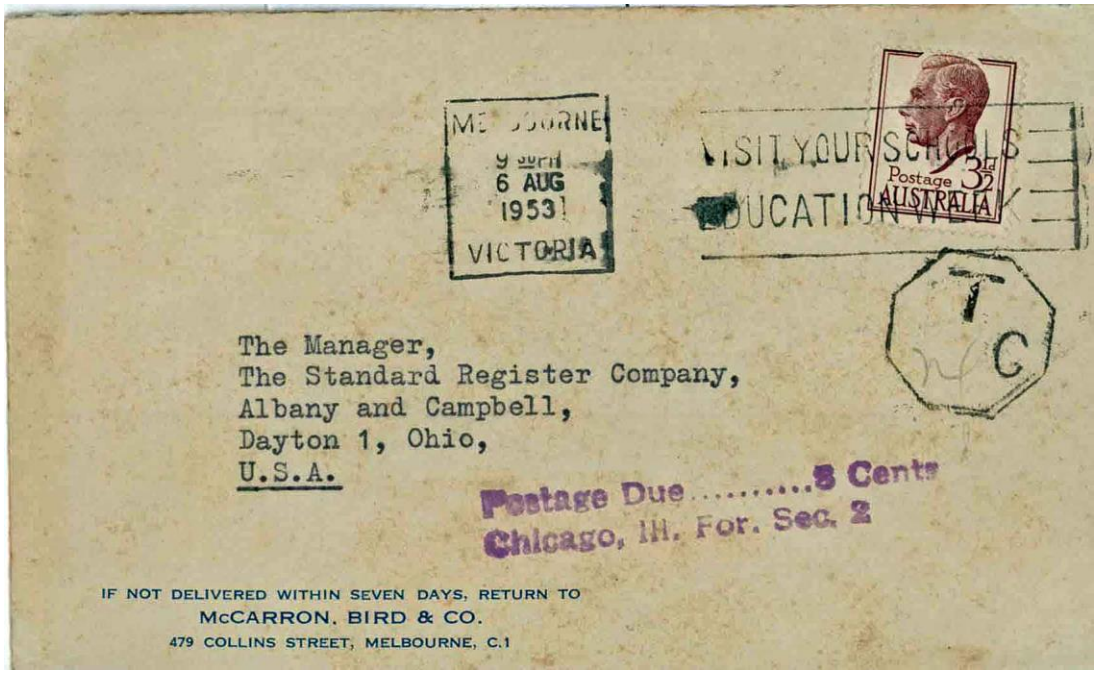
"BE FRIENDLY AND COURTEOUS TO TOURISTS"

Appropriately on a card obviously written by a tourist!

Events were Announced in Cancels

"VISIT YOUR SCHOOLS EDUCATION WEEK"

Big event in Australia, started in 1944, continues to present day. First week in August every year. It's purpose *"Showcasing and celebrating excellence in education through open days, exhibitions and special events."*



Apparently not enough postage -

Events were Announced in Cancels

(Interesting postal envelope; where is the stamp?)

"Marie Curie
Daffodil Day
27 March"

The first Great Daffodil Appeal took place in 1986 with volunteers collecting donations and handing out fresh daffodils. Named for *Marie Curie*, Polish scientist, it is England's biggest annual fundraising campaign to provide free care and support to people living with terminal illnesses. In 1995, *Marie Curie* replaced fresh flowers with fabric daffodil pins.

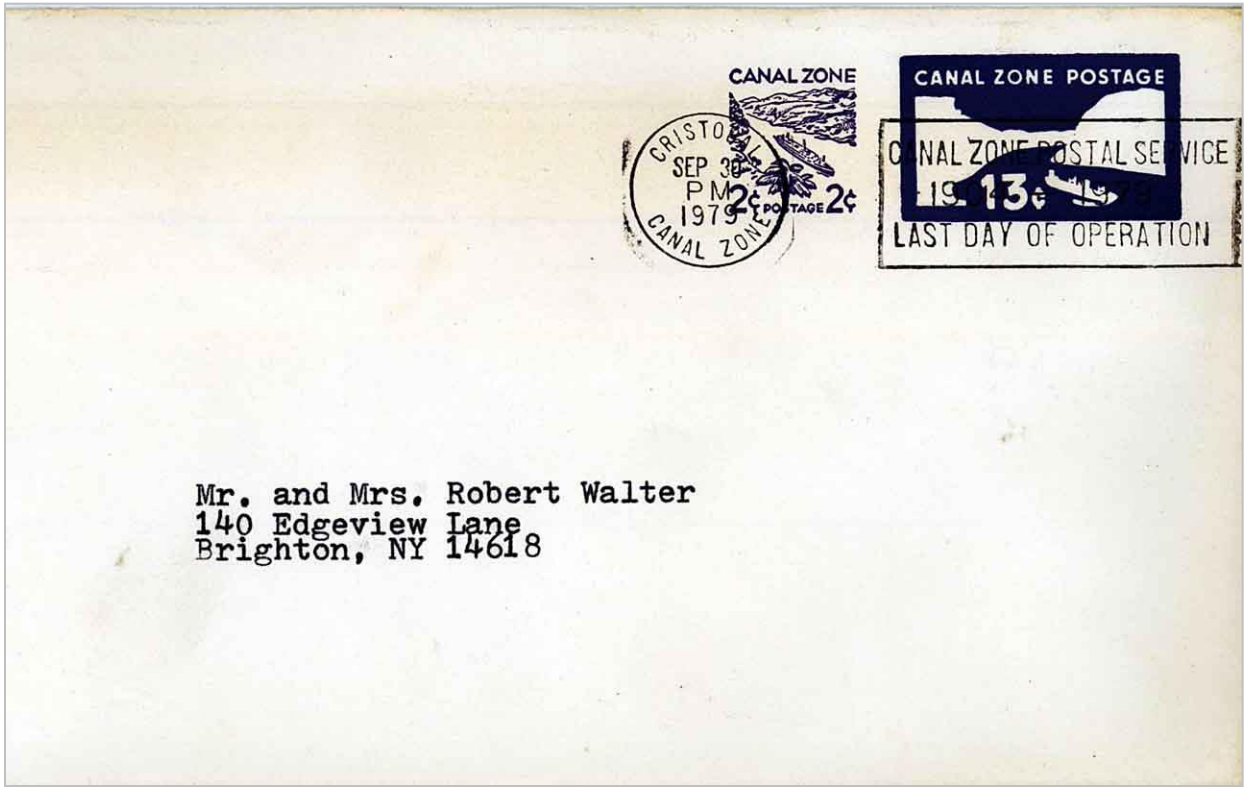
An Event Announced

"ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL MUSEUM OPENING AUG. 18 BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA"

Exhibits show how he and his associates achieved Canada's first powered flight with their airplane Silver Dart, produced the world's fastest boat, advanced recording technology, designed giant kites and, of course, invented the telephone.

- *Events were Announced in Cancels*

"CANAL ZONE POSTAL SERVICE
1904-1979
LAST DAY OF OPERATION"



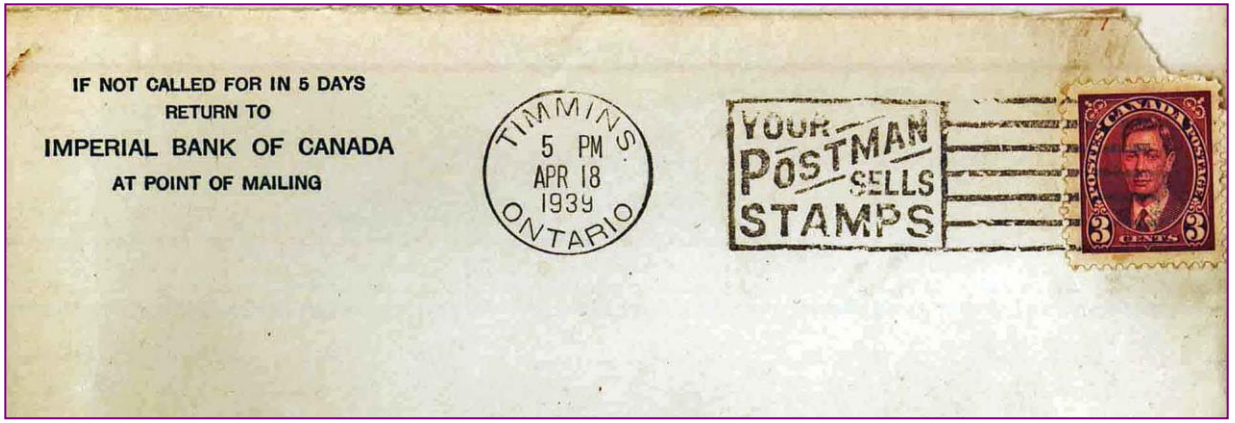
Postal Proclamations

Several cancels come directly from the postal departments:

You need stamps, so it is good to know that

"YOUR POSTMAN SELLS STAMPS"

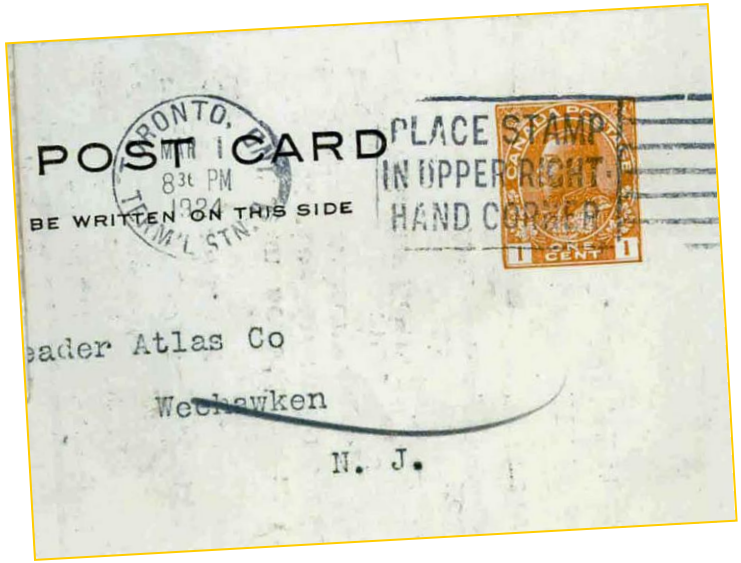
At least in Canada in 1939.



Once you have your stamps,

"PLACE STAMP IN UPPER RIGHT- HAND CORNER."

Interesting that this cancel is on a post card with NO stamp – One-cent printed indicia on this Canada post card in 1924.



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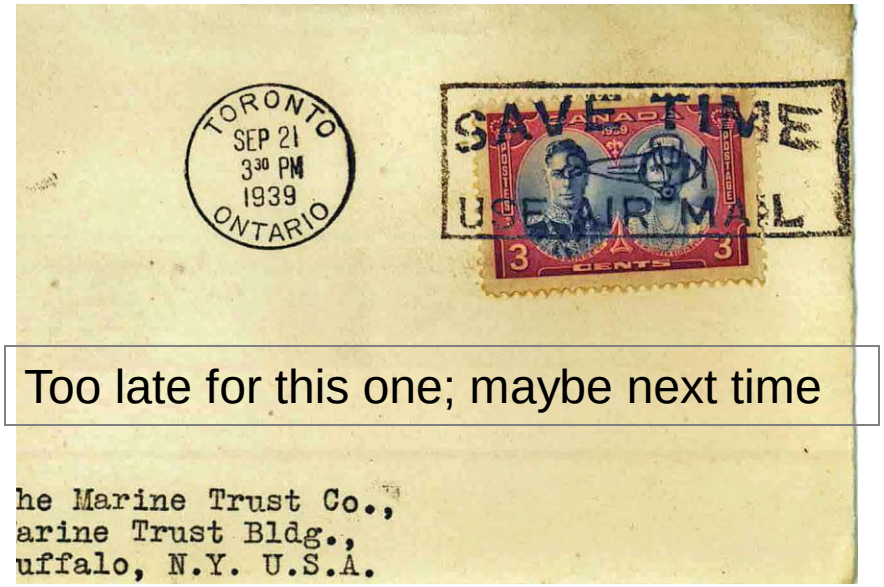

Too late for this one; maybe next time

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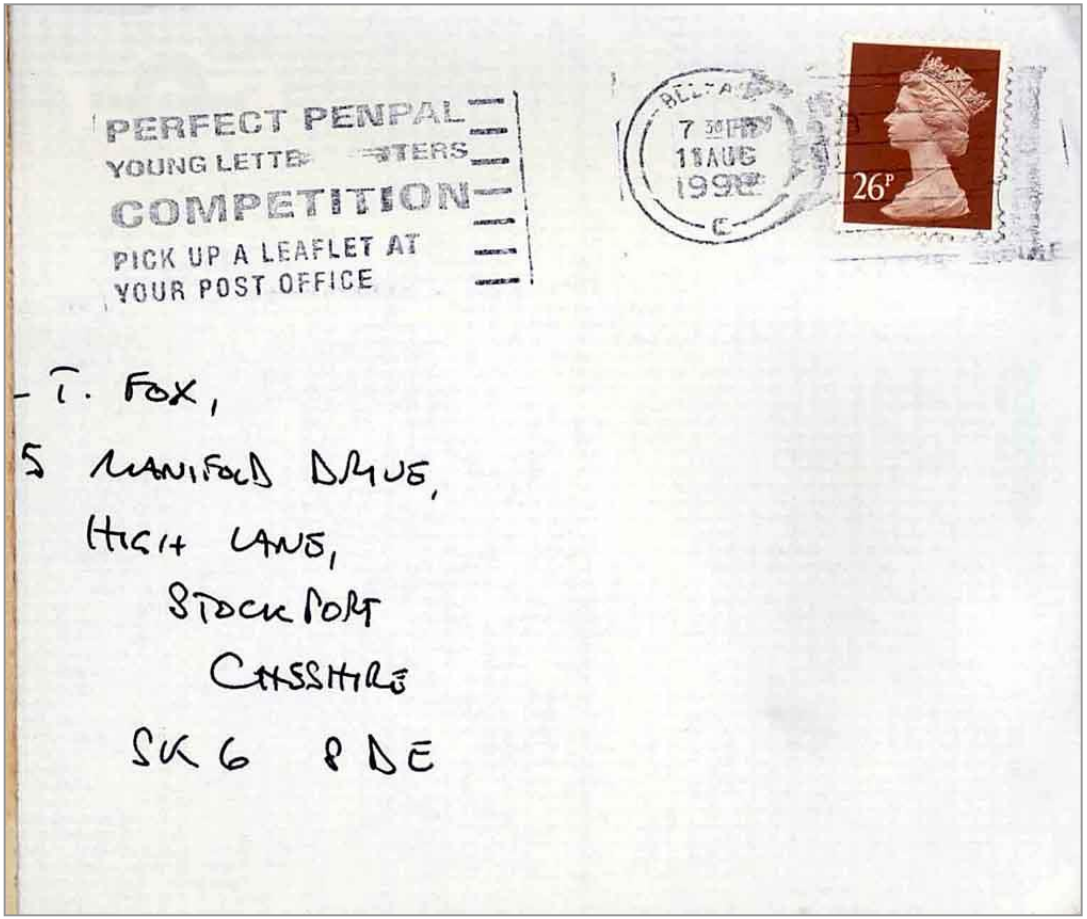
uffalo, N.Y. U.S.A.

"BUY A
DOMINION GOVERNMENT ANNUITY
ASK POSTMASTER FOR BOOKLET"

"USE THE ADVANCE POSTING
SERVICE FOR YOUR
CHRISTMAS CARDS"

Postal Proclamation

An interesting idea here: “PEFECT PENPAL - -”



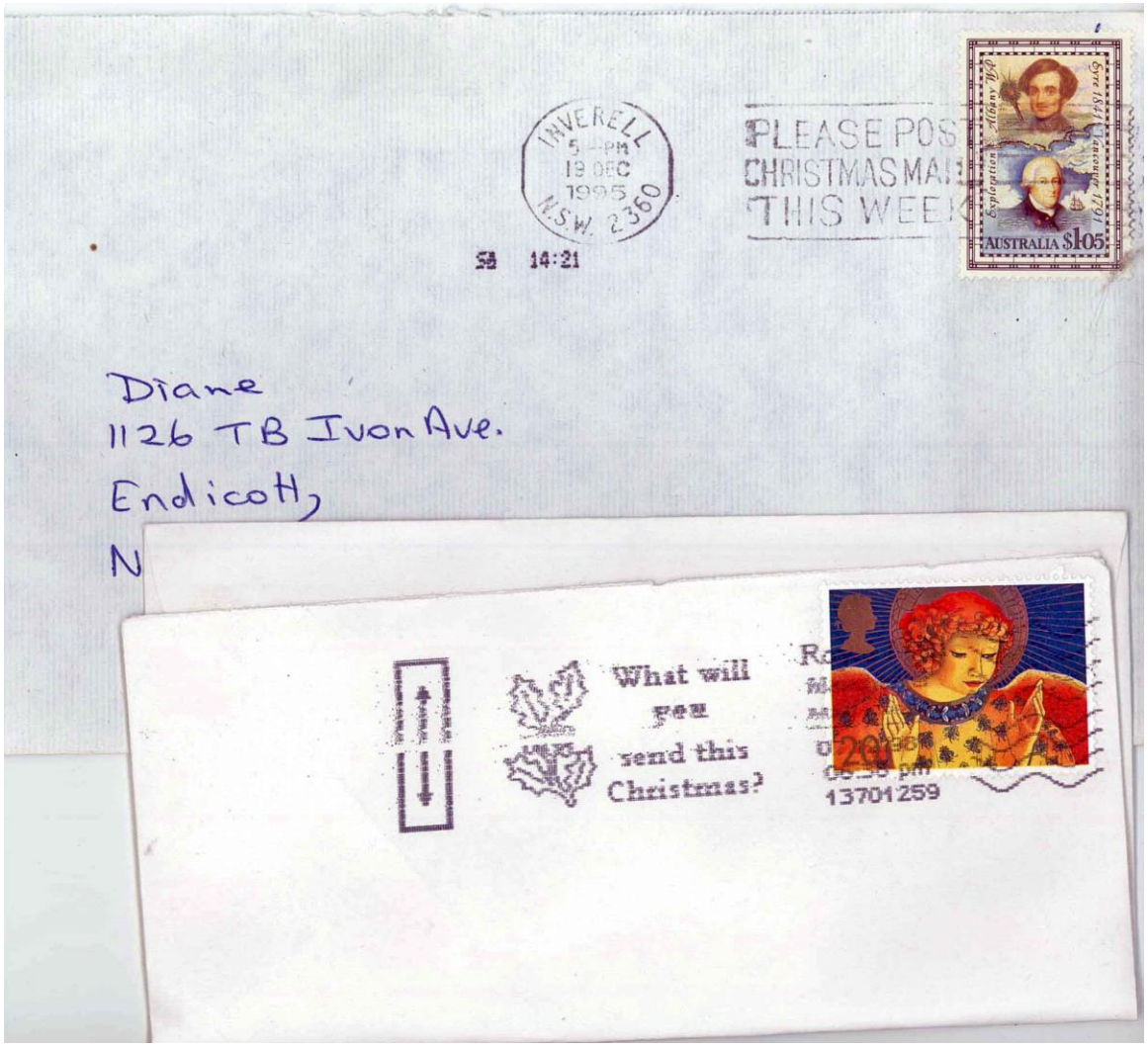
ADVERTISEMENTS

On British covers – one for “DEMON INTERNET” and another for health insurance:

“HSA– Brit(xx) leading

Health care cash plan”

- *Christmas Cancels*



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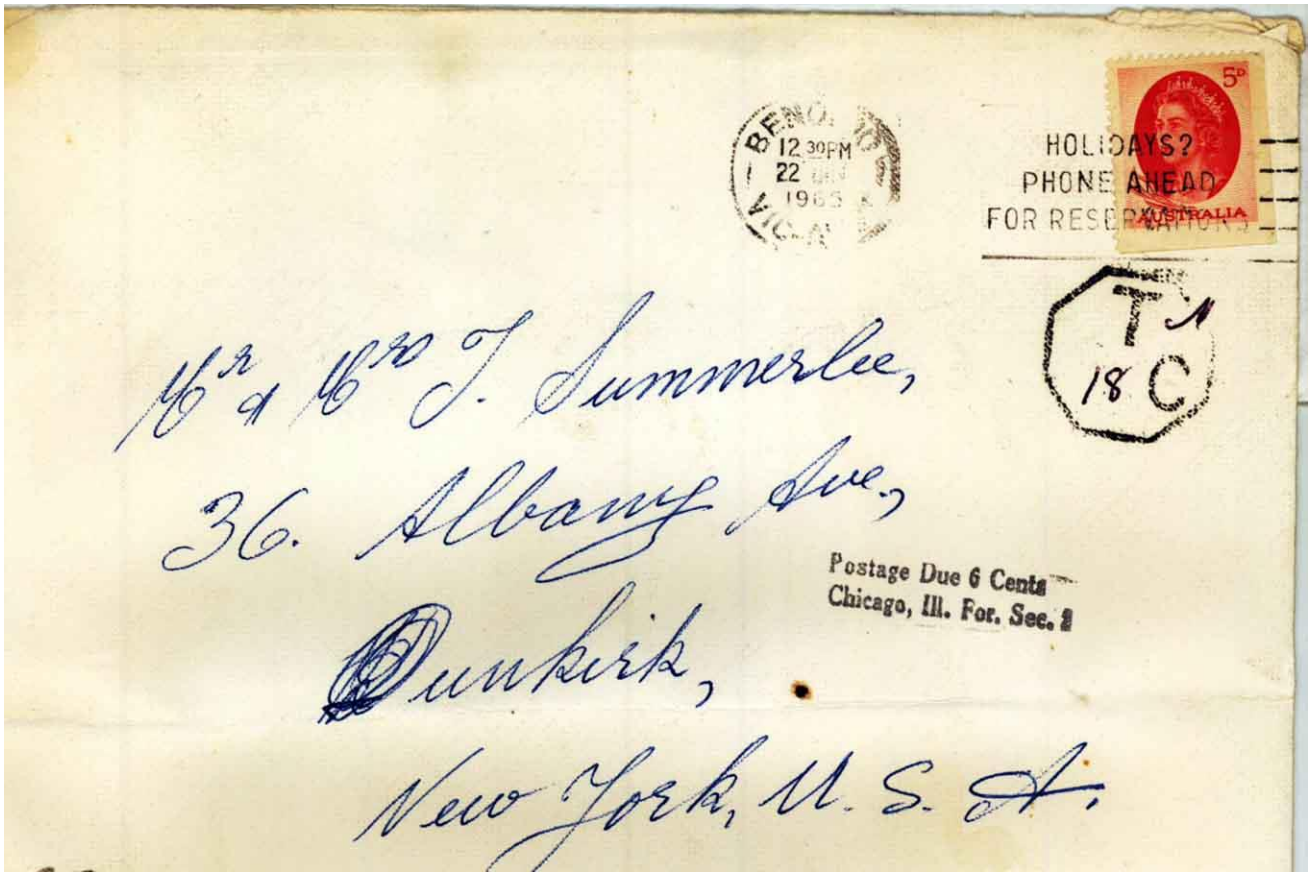

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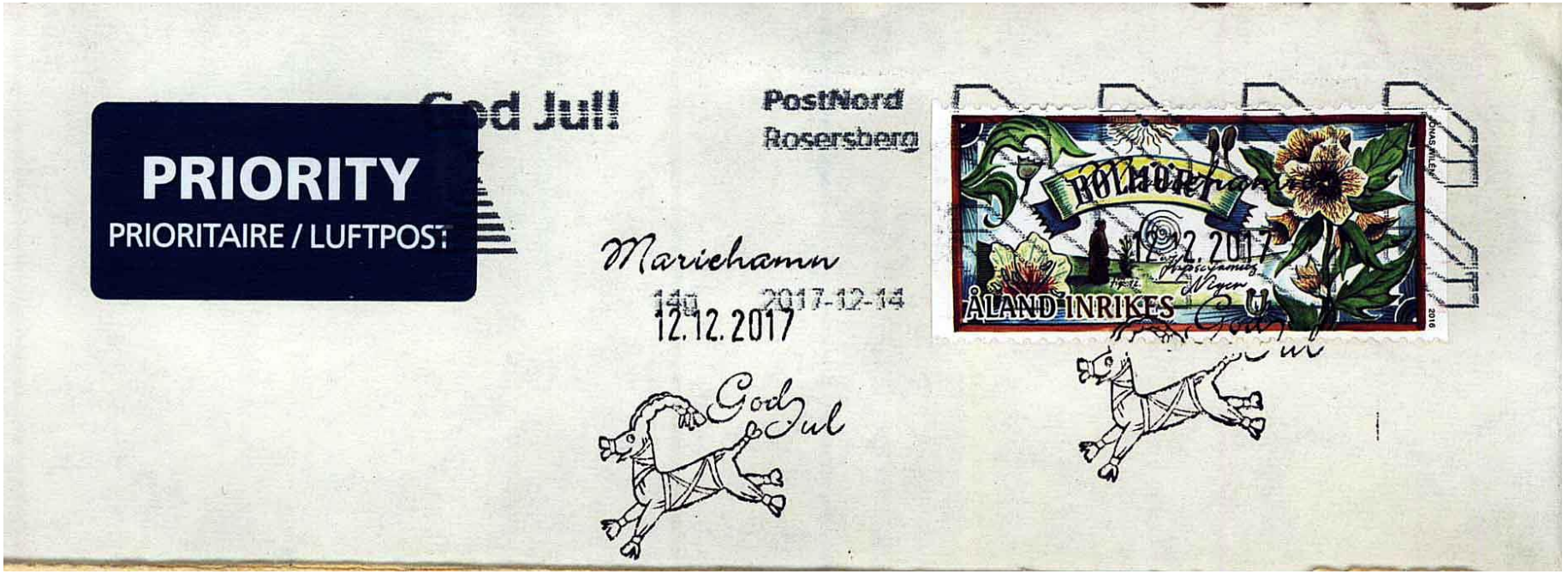


- TUBERCULOSIS CANCELS
- From various countries during the years when TB was so prevalent.

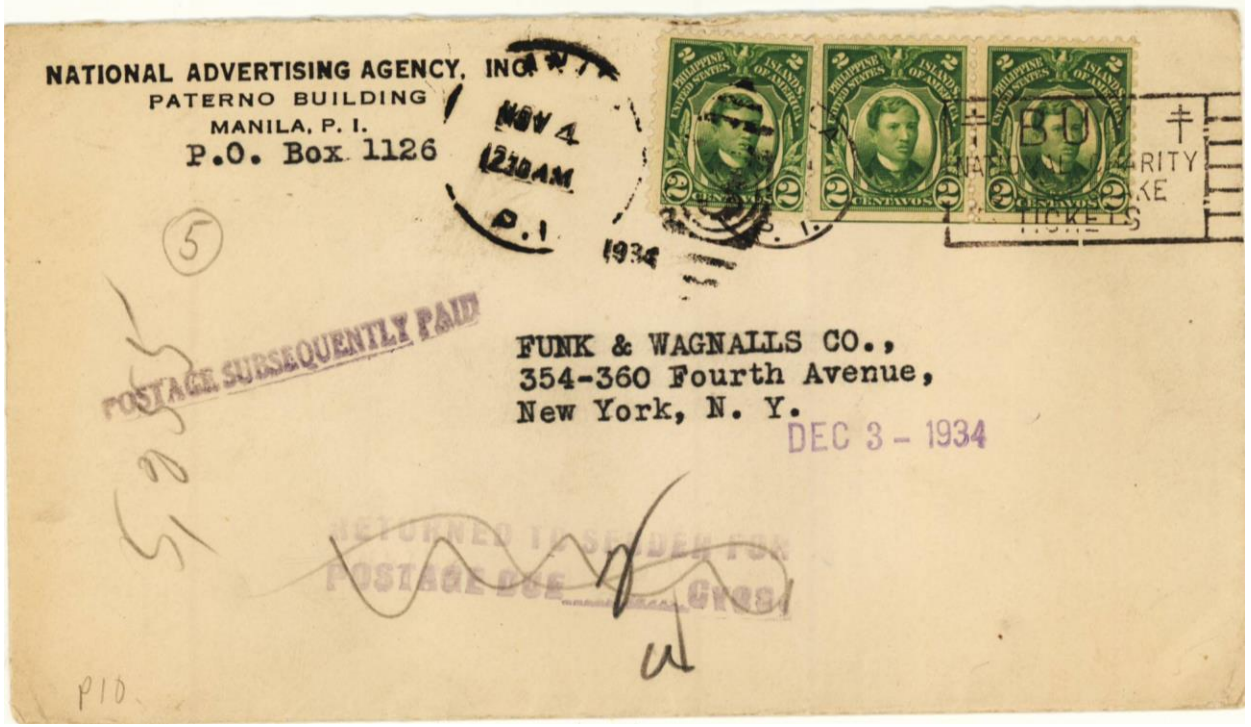
In Canada:
“HELP THE TORONTO
FREE
HOSPITAL
FOR CONSUMPTIVES”

1917 & 1918

Above:
In 1969-
“CHRISTMAS SEALS
FIGHT
CHEST DISEASE”

- TUBERCULOSIS CANCELS The Philippines -

Tuberculosis continues as a major health threat even today. Sweepstakes were approved by President Quezon in 1932 to raise funds for Anti-TB work



"BUY
NATIONAL CHARITY
SWEEPSTAKE
TICKETS"

- TUBERCULOSIS CANCELS The Philippines -

The appeals were strong:

"HELP
RAISE FUNDS
AGAINST TB"
and
"GIVE NOT FOR CHARITY
BUT TO SHARE IN HEALTH BUILDING"

The 1c stamps picture Manuel Quezon, second president who died of TB in 1944.

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August-September is TB month in the Philippines

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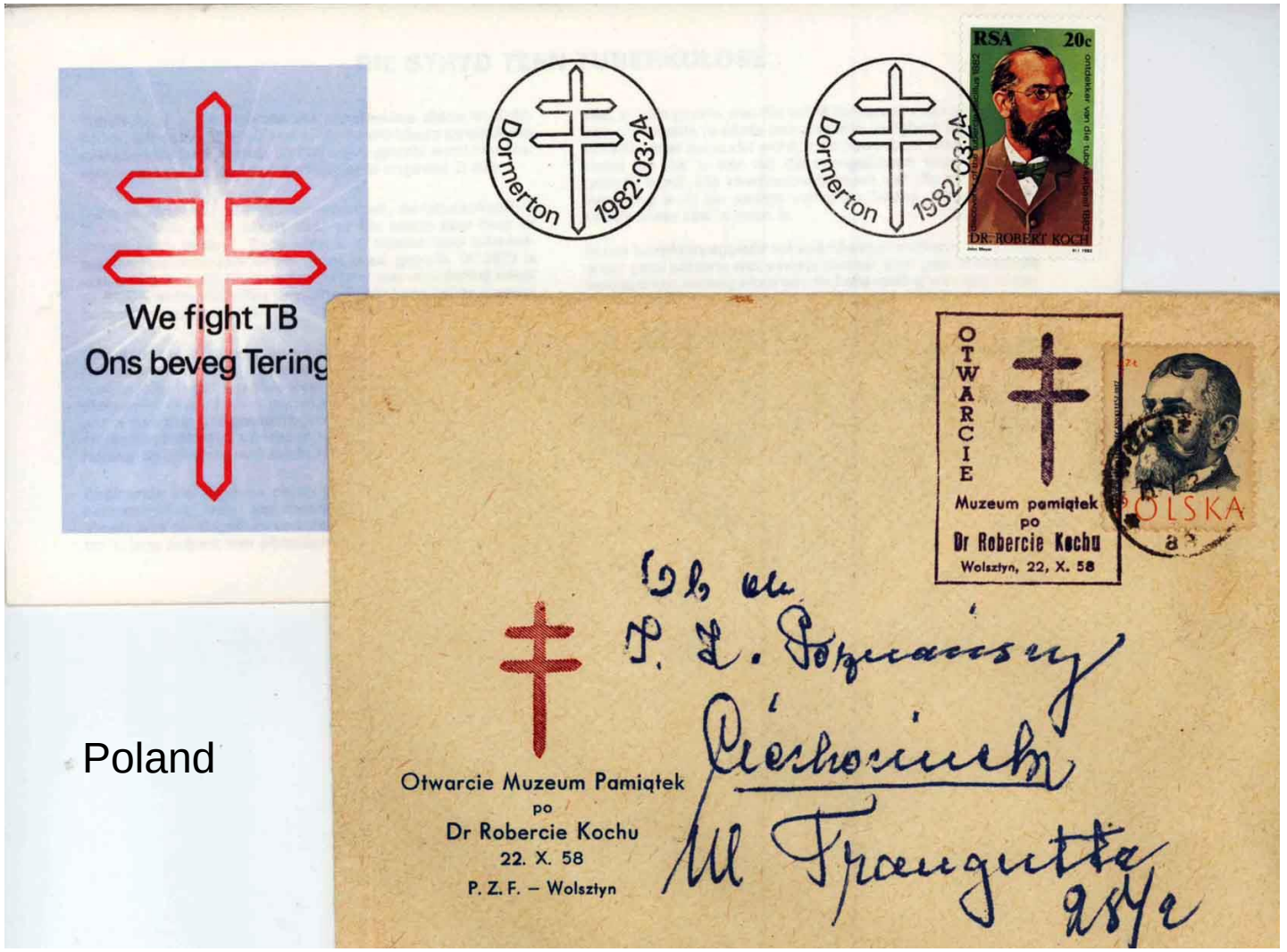

South Africa

Poland

- TUBERCULOSIS CANCELS

- And a few from the U.S.: